

Benin

INVESTMENT SUMMARY



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Overview: Country program established in 1986. Focus is on agricultural sector, providing support to food producers and processors in the local and export markets. Projects are cofounded through a Strategic Partnership with the Government of Benin. USADF currently manages a portfolio of **23 projects and one Cooperative Agreement**. Total commitment is **\$3.7 million**.



Grantee	Duration	Value	Summary
Union Communale des Producteurs d'Agbangnizoun 2215-BEN	2010-2015	\$179,241	Agriculture (Maize): UCP Agbangnizoun advances the interests of agricultural producers in Agbangnizoun Commune. USADF funds will develop a network of model farmers using improved cultural techniques, facilitate members' access to lower cost production inputs, and guarantee loans that will help members reduce their production costs and enable them to hold their produce until prices improve after the harvest season.
Association pour le Developpement Economique Social Culturel et l'Autopromotion (ADESCA) 2263-BEN	2010-2014	\$237,650	Agriculture (Vegetables): ADESCA provides extension and training services to women's groups in Kalalé Commune. USADF funds will install solar-powered drip irrigation systems on the groups' vegetable plots, purchase high-yielding seeds and fertilizer, and provide technical assistance in vegetable cultivation. This will substantially increase the groups' vegetable production capacity, improve family nutrition, and generate higher incomes for the members' households.
Association Régionale des femmes Agricultrices de l'Atlantique-Littoral (ARFA-AL) 2300-BEN	2010-2013	\$196,367	Food Processing (Fish and Cassava): ARFA promotes the interests of women who produce, process, and market fish and agricultural products in the Atlantique-Littoral Department of Benin. USADF funds will construct and equip facilities for the production and storage of smoked fish and cassava flour, purchase a fish boat, and establish working capital funds for the purchase of cassava, fish, and other production inputs.
Union Communale des Organisations Professionnelles des Éleveurs de Ruminants (UCOPER Nikki) 2436-BEN	2011-2013	\$246,346	Livestock (Cattle Market): UCOPER Nikki will use the USADF grant to equip its livestock market with the basic facilities needed to attract traders from outside the commune, foster additional growth of the livestock market, and increase members' incomes.
Conseil Régional des Maraîchers du Mono et du Couffo (CRM-MC) 2336-BEN	2011-2014	\$194,000	Agriculture (Vegetables): CRM-MC works to advance the interests of vegetable farmers in Mono-Couffo by providing services including farming inputs and technical support in association management. USADF funds will be used to install irrigation systems on four demonstration plots, provide a working capital fund for fertilizers and other inputs and acquire technical assistance in vegetable farming best practices. This will enable members to improve their incomes through improved yields from their vegetable production activities.
Tikonna 2349-BEN	2011-2014	\$119,610	Food Processing (Fonio): Tikonna Women's Association promotes women's literacy, income generating opportunities, and participation in decision-making structures in Boukoubé Commune. USADF funds will construct and equip a fonio processing, storage, and sales facility as well as provide training in accounting, marketing, fonio processing, packaging, and storage and facilitate access to production credit. This will increase members' incomes and generate greater revenues for the association.

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Groupeement des Transformatrices d'Anacarde de Soubroukou (GTAS) 2464-BEN	2011-2014	\$78,450	Food Processing (Cashew Nuts): GTAS is located in the village of Soubroukou of the Donga Department. GTAS engages in processing and marketing of cashew nuts. USADF funds will purchase processing equipment, the construction of a sheltered production site and a storage facility, as well as provide training in accounting, adult literacy, cashew processing, packaging, and storage. This will enable GTAS members to increase the volume of cashews sold and the profit earned by the group.
Unions de Riziculteurs du Centre (UNIRIZ-C) 2520-BEN	2011-2014	\$179,326	Agriculture (Rice): UNIRIZ-C coordinates the production and processing activities of rice farmers in the Zou/Collines Region. USADF funds will equip a paddy rice processing plant, construct a warehouse, provide working capital to purchase raw materials, and train and equip women who parboil rice for processing and sale. This will improve the women's production capacity and quality of the rice for processing.
Mialebouni Association 2586-BEN	2012-2015	\$151,067	Agriculture (Cassava, Maize, Beans): Mialébouni Association was founded to improve the socioeconomic status of rural women of Adja Couffo. USADF funds will enable Mialébouni to work with four women's groups to improve and expand their cassava processing and storage capabilities. Another women's group will set up a warrantage program that will enable its members to store their maize and beans until prices rise, while using the stored crops as collateral for loans to address their immediate cash needs.
Anti Sua An Koua An Mon of N'Dali (ASAKAM) 2692-BEN	2012-2014	\$74,929	Agriculture (Vegetables): ASAKAM was founded to improve the socioeconomic status of rural women of the commune of N'Dali of the Borgou Department. USADF funds will enable the women's association to develop two hectares of land for improved vegetable production. The women will use a surface irrigation system which will improve their capacity to grow vegetables regardless of season.
UCPC Djidja 2602-BEN	2012-2015	\$195,288	Agriculture (Corn, Cowpeas, Soybeans): UCP Djidja was created to improve the income and living conditions of cotton and cereal producers in Djidja. USADF funds will assist the union by establishing a warrantage program to provide its members with the opportunity to stock their crops until prices rise, while using the stored crops as collateral for loans to address farmers' immediate cash needs. This will increase the profitability of these crops while facilitating the diversification of revenue-generating activities during the storage period.
TINFI Association for Ecotourism Promotion 2646-BEN	2012-2015	\$141,406	Services (Ecotourism): TINFI was established to improve and expand ecotourism services and facilities in the village of Tanongou, located in the Atakora Department. USADF funds will enable TINFI to improve the existing tourist attractions in the village to meet the demand for tourist lodging and increase the village's revenues. Funds will be used to create simple lodging facilities for tourists, develop a catering service based on local foods, and organize touring services around the waterfalls of Tanongou. This will increase the profitability of the Association, while facilitating diversification of income-generating activities throughout the year.
Union des Aulacodiculteurs de Bonou (UAB) 2674-BEN	2012-2015	\$119,893	Livestock (Grasscutters): UAB was founded to improve the socioeconomic status of grasscutter breeders in the Bonou Commune of the Ouémé Department. USADF funds will improve members' production facilities with the construction of production units, an office and storage rooms, and a drying surface. This will increase UAB's members' incomes by producing quality grasscutters able to be marketed at more profitable prices.
Espoir Vivre Ensemble (EVE) 2701-BEN	2012-2015	\$104,147	Livestock (Poultry): EVE was founded to improve the welfare of people infected with HIV/AIDS by organizing them to engage in income generating activities. USADF funds will improve EVE's ability to manage its poultry farming business and generate increased incomes for members. Providing self-employment opportunities for persons living with HIV/AIDS will also help to change stereotypes.

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Union Communale des Coopératives de Producteurs Maraichers de Péhunco (UCCooPMA) 2752-BEN	2012-2015	\$197,572	Agriculture (Vegetables): UCCooPMA was created in 2012 to improve the incomes and living conditions of vegetable producers in Pehunco, Atakora Department. USADF funds will enable the Union to develop three sites for improved vegetable and potato production. Union members will use a surface irrigation system to improve their capacity to grow vegetables regardless of season.
Association des Propriétaires de la Commune de Sô-Ava (APASCO-METONOU) 2806-BEN	2013-2016	\$138,228	Fish Farming: APASCO was established in 2009 to improve the standard of living and working conditions of its members by engaging in fish farming and marketing. USADF funds will allow the Association's to use improved sustainable fish farming techniques to expand their capacity to produce and market their products. The project will provide for the construction of six fish pens, fish farming tools, two boats and working capital in the form of fish fingerlings and fish feed.
Coopérative de Maïs du Borgou (CMB) 2846-BEN	2013-2016	\$220,926	Agriculture (Maize): CMB is a cooperative of 112 maize farmers in the Borgou Department in the northeast of the country. The project will focus on establishing a warrantage system where members can stock production after harvest until prices rise, while using the stored crops as collateral for loans to address farmers' immediate cash needs. Funds will be used to construct three warehouses, provide working capital, and conduct trainings on post-harvest techniques and marketing techniques.
Association des Femmes Vivant avec le VIH/ SIDA (AFEP-Espoir) 2886-BEN	2013-2015	\$88,518	Processing (Palm Oil): AFEP-Espoir is a group of mostly 80 women with HIV/AIDS in Lokossa in the southwest of Benin. The group is currently processing palm oil using traditional methods to provide steady incomes for the women. This project will increase their production and income by providing basic processing equipment, as well as trainings in management, finance, and oil production.
Union Sous-Préfectorale des Groupements de Femmes de Banikoara (USPGF) 2889-BEN	2013-2016	\$164,781	Processing (Shea Butter): USPGF is a union composed of 1,875 members who produce shea butter. The group is located in the Banikoara commune in the north of Benin. The projects aim is to increase the ability of the group to compete with other high quality shea butter producers in the region by obtaining an organic producer certification. Funds will procure processing equipment, a building, working capital and provide training in both production and marketing.
Groupe Grenier du Bénin 2917-BEN	2013-2016	\$179,851	Agriculture (Corn, Soybeans): Grenier du Bénin, established in 2009, is composed of 66 members who produce both corn and soybeans, in the commune of Kalalè in the northeast of Benin. The project will focus on expanding their production capacity by providing working capital, a storage facility and two tractors.
Association Béninoise du Moringa (ABM) 2923-BEN	2013-2016	\$133,577	Processing (Moringa): ABM is a cooperative of 173 members who process moringa into nutritional supplements in Parakou. The project intends to enable ABM to increase production and obtain a quality certification enabling them to begin selling to large organizations including international NGOs. Funds will be used to provide processing equipment, a processing facility, working capital and conduct trainings in a variety of areas including management, finance, marketing, and production.
Union Communale des Coopératives des Producteurs Maraichers de Kouandé (UCCOOPMA) 2958-BEN	2013-2016	\$138,007	Agriculture (Vegetables): UCCOOPMA is a union composed 215 vegetable farmers in the commune of Kouandé in the northwest part of Benin. The union wants to increase its production by installing drip irrigation systems that will allow for year-round production as well as improved inputs. ADF funds will provide working capital for agricultural production inputs, construction of four wells, farming tools, as well as training in agricultural production, irrigation and water management, marketing techniques, and cooperative management.

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Association Savaloise des Handicapés Moteurs (ASHAM) 2994-BEN	2014-2016	\$80,793	Services (Sewing, Weaving, Hairdressing): ASHAM is a group of 25 people with motor disabilities based in the city of Savalou in the central part of Benin. The group has been active since 2007 in providing these services on their own accord. This project will provide them with the facilities expand their business and also accommodate their limitations and ensure the sustainability of the organization. Funds will be used to construct a facility with necessary accommodations and provide training in accounting and financial management, internal controls, small business management, marketing, cooperative management, and sewing, hairdressing, and weaving refresher training.

